

ABSTRACT

A smart card for providing a software upgrade to host device, which has a smart card interface, includes a memory that stores the software upgrade for delivery to the host device. The smart card includes a card information structure (CIS) for identifying the smart card as providing a software upgrade so that the host device can access the software upgrade of the smart card to upgrade the software and/or firmware of the host device. The host device is an open-cable compliant set-top-box.

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